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## VEHICLE VS PEDESTRIAN FATAL HIT AND RUN TRAFFIC COLLISION

**Date:** April 17, 2013 at 2029 hrs

**Victim:** TBA –M/W 34 yrs old and resident of Westminster/ pending notification of next of kin

**Suspect:** M/W 45 yrs old 6-2, 170. Named Pending further investigation.

**Charges:** Manslaughter/ Felony Hit and Run

**Location:** S/B Springdale Street south of Ash Street, Westminster CA

**Westminster, CA: On 04-17-2013,** at approximately 2029 hrs, several citizens called the Westminster Police Department to report a vehicle vs pedestrian traffic accident on Springdale St south of Ash St. The pedestrian, a male adult resident of Westminster was still laying on one of the northbound lanes of Springdale St in traffic. When officers arrived they found several residents were performing CPR on the victim and they continued until Orange County Fire Authority paramedics arrived.

Officers located the vehicle involved in the accident, a black 2012 Dodge Ram Truck which was left at the scene. The driver had apparently fled on foot, leaving a male passenger behind. WPD Traffic Investigators have determined that the pedestrian attempted to cross Springdale St outside of a marked crosswalk when he was struck by the truck which was south bound on Springdale St. The victim was propelled by the force of the accident into the north bound lanes of Springdale St. Investigators have interviewed the trucks passenger who has provided information about the driver and they are following up on that information.

The Forensic Science Unit also responded to assist with processing evidence at the scene and the truck which was impounded as part of the investigation. All lanes of Springdale St south of Westminster Bl were closed while the investigation was being conducted but the lanes have been re-opened.

The victim suffered major head injuries and was transported to UCI Medical Center in Orange for additional treatment. The victim was taken into surgery but died a short time later due to his injuries. He has been identified but his name will not be released pending notification of next of kin.

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Anyone who may have information related to this incident are please asked to contact the Westminster Police Department Traffic Division at (714) 898-3315.

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